

### Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new Claims 12 and 13 to read as follows.

12. (New) A recording apparatus for recording on recording sheets by recording means, said recording apparatus comprising:

a transporting roller for transporting the recording sheets, said transporting roller being positioned upstream of the recording means relative to the transporting direction;

a proximal discharging roller for transporting the recording sheets, said proximal discharging roller being positioned downstream of the recording means relative to the transporting direction, said proximal discharging roller having a shaft serving as a center of rotation formed of resin and a rubber roller portion for integrally rotating with said resin shaft to transport the recording sheets; and

a distal discharging roller disposed downstream of said proximal discharging roller relative to the transporting direction, said distal discharging roller having a shaft serving as a center of rotation formed of metal and a rubber roller portion for integrally rotating with said metal shaft to transport the recording sheets.

13. (New) A recording apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said proximal discharging roller has deviations from a nominal circumference within a first range, and said distal discharging roller has deviations from a nominal circumference within a second range and is of higher precision than said proximal discharging roller in that the second range is less than the first range.